

St Mary's Church, Great Witchingham

Quiz Night

Friday 30th October
7:30 for 7:45 pm
in Weston Longville Village Hall



Supper of bangers & salad, crisps & chocolate
Bring your own drinks & glasses
Teams of up to 8 people
Tickets £7.50 • In aid of church funds
contact Janet Houlston 872251
Easier questions than last year!

On **Monday 2nd November** the annual service for **All Souls Day** takes place at **Weston Longville**, beginning at **7:30 pm**. This is the Eucharist in which we remember all those we love who have died, particularly any who have died in the last twelve months, and commend them once again to God. During this year's service our benefice choir will sing Dick le Grice's new *Small Requiem* for the first time. Everyone, of course, is invited to attend this moving commemoration – and if you would like someone to be remembered by name during the service, please add their name to the list which is now at the back of all our churches.

Coffee Morning and Nearly New Sale

Saturday 7th
November
10-12 noon



The Old
Rectory,
Swannington

Nearly new clothes, Christmas gifts, cakes, bric-a-brac
Handmade Christmas cards and crackers
In aid of church funds

Please donate items for sale to Sally Day at the Old Rectory
no later than Thursday 5th November

This year's **Remembrance Sunday service** for the whole benefice takes place at **Weston Longville** church on Sunday 8th November, beginning at 10:15 am and concluding with the laying of a wreath at the War Memorial outside. After the service further wreaths will as usual be laid at the Memorials in Swannington and Lenwade, and at the USAAF memorial in Weston.

ST MARGARET, SWANNINGTON

Sunday 11 October 2009

10:00 am

The Eucharist

for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

The service begins as we sing **Hymn 365** *Praise, my soul, the king of heaven.*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please sit down

Words of welcome and explanation, and possibly a short congregational music practice, before we are invited to confess our sins:

Jesus said:

Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.
As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Please kneel or sit for a short period of silent reflection

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.*

*We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand to say:

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Events this week

TODAY – 3:00 pm Baptism of GEORGIA ELIZABETH MARFELL-
WILLIAMS at Swannington
Wed 14th, Sat 17th, Sun 18th Pastoral visitation of the benefice by
Archdeacon John Ashe

Next Sunday: St Luke

NB 5:00 pm The Eucharist at Swannington
Sat 17th (preacher, John Ashe)
9:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Ringland
(president and preacher, John Ashe)
10:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
(preacher, John Ashe)
10:00 am Children's service at Swannington
6:00 pm Evensong at Alderford (preacher, John Ashe)

Future Events:

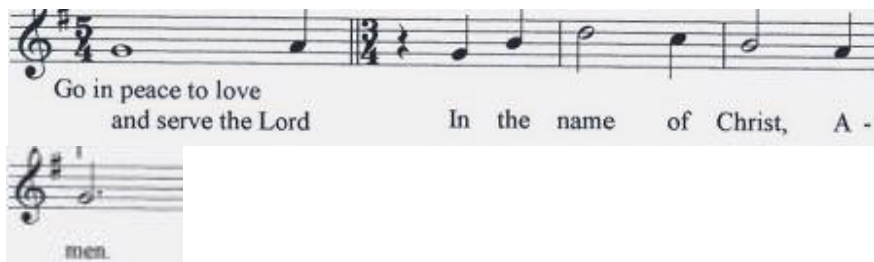
Tue 20th 3:30 pm “All Saints Alive!” after-school club
at Great Witchingham School
Sat 24th ***NB – Clocks go back one hour overnight !***

Sunday 25th October: Last after Trinity

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662) at Great Witchingham
9:00 am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) at Ringland
led by the churchwardens
10:00 am The Eucharist at Attlebridge
6:00 pm Evensong at Weston Longville

Daily doth th'Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.



All weekday services this week will be at their usual times, **except that** there will be **no** Morning Prayer at Weston Longville on Tuesday.

This week we pray particularly for those who live and work along **Field Road** in Ringland.

Please continue to pray for the sick & those in need:

Angela Ashford; Barbara Brown; Anne Dunn; Pat Evans; Jo, James & baby Daniel; Shirley Nicholson; Cynthia Savory; Val; Enid Warnes; Alex Williams.

Saints this week

Mon Wilfrid, bishop of York, church reformer (died 709)
Tue Edward 'the Confessor', King of England (died 1066)
Sat Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, martyr (died 107)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Amos 5.6-7 & 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins –
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90.11 - 17 (please remain seated)

Response: *May the favour of the Lord our God be upon us.*

Who regards the power of your wrath
And your indignation like those who fear you?
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Response)*

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?
Have compassion on your servants.
Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us,
and for the years in which we have seen adversity. *(Response)*

Show your servants your works,
and let your glory be over their children.
May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands. *(Response)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 4.12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to
judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast; for here we
receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds
are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we
shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.
Amen.

*Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.*

. . . and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

(Organ) O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

94 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

97 O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have

100 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that

103 tak - est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

If you are not a communicant, but would like to receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet to the altar rail with you.

At the distribution:

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

During communion, the choir will sing a short Anthem.

Let us pray:

Please sit or kneel, as you are comfortable

creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

We sing **Hymn 372** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10.17-31

62 (Priest)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’ He said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come,

follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the sermon

*Afterwards we welcome GABRIELLE & MAYA and their family, who are here to celebrate the anniversaries of their baptism. **Please stand** and turn around to face the font.*

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead
and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself.
In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ.
Here we find rebirth in the Spirit,
and set our minds on his heavenly gifts.

Please kneel or sit as you are comfortable

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*Our Father
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.*

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
*Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.*

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
and in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Margaret
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

As children of God, we are continually created anew,
walking the path of faith
and feeding on the forgiveness of his healing grace.
Therefore I call upon you all to affirm your baptismal faith
and to renew your commitment to Jesus Christ.

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.
Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.
Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you strength to continue in the Way. ***Amen.***

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the
people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

***We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***

***Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of
faith with all those who have been baptised in your name. Keep us
faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the***

whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The priest re-lights Gabrielle's and Maya's candles, after which we all say

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

After the family have returned to their places, please sit or kneel for some brief Intercessions. After each section

Lord, in your mercy
bear our prayer.

After the final section

Merciful Father,
*accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Please stand

... The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

and the Peace is exchanged by all.

We sing **Hymn 171** *For the beauty of the earth*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

65
(Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
72
hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.
75
Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most high.
78
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the
81
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.